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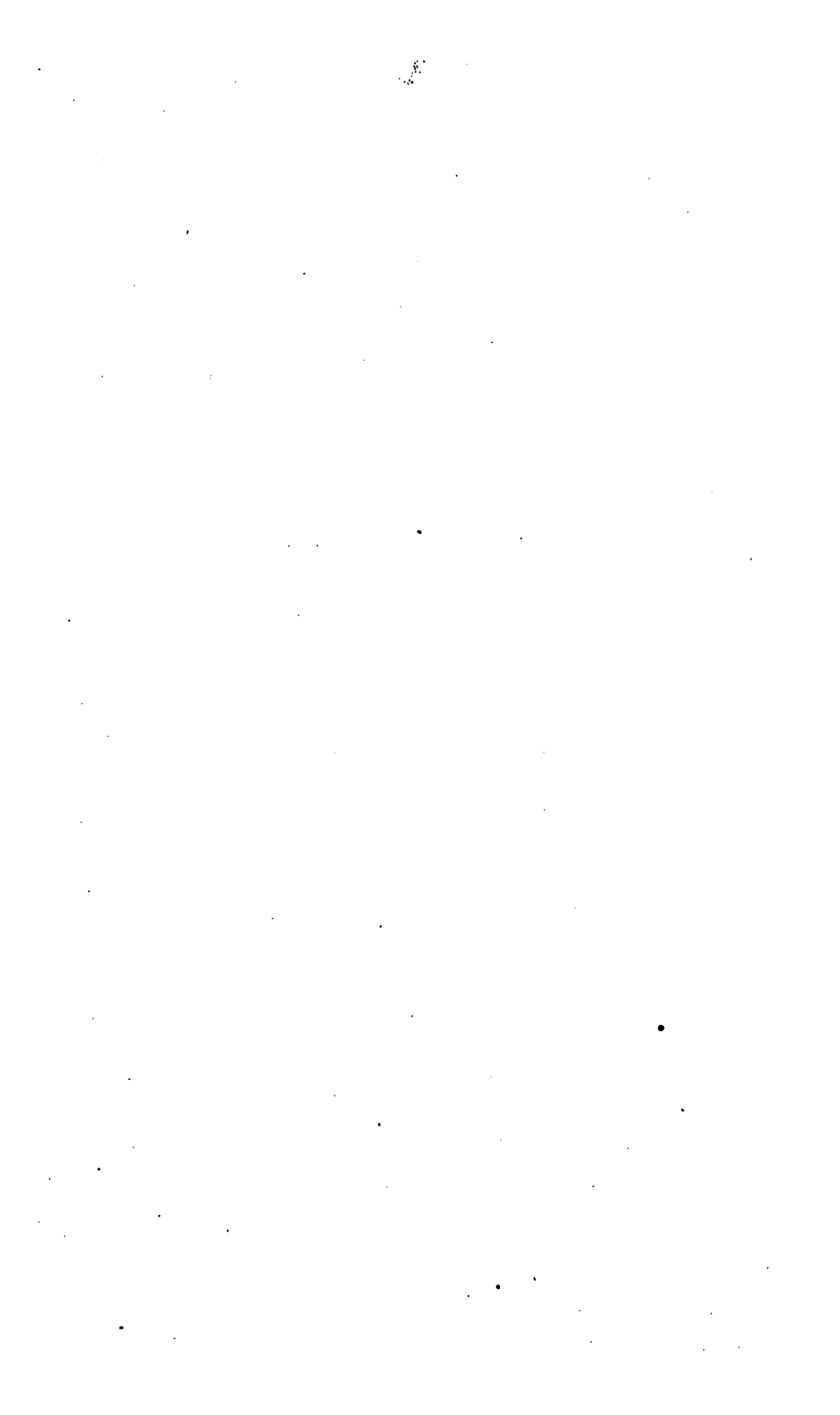
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DEAR CLASSMATES :

I have endeavored, as far as possible, to compile a record of the Class of 'Sixty-five. The task assigned me has not been an easy, though a pleasant one. It was pleasant to hear from those whom time and distance had separated for so long, bringing up to my recollection, as it will to yours, the halcyon days of college life and its happy associations.

The historian returns thanks to those who have so promptly aided him in his labors, and regrets that he has not been able to give a full and complete history of every member of the class.

My heart was saddened to find "the gap in our picked and chosen" the long years had made, and that more than one sixth of those who had entered our ranks with as bright anticipations and hopes for the future as any of us had been called away.

"One by one we miss the voices that we loved so well to hear,
One by one the kindly faces in the shadow disappear."

Their work is accomplished. We cherish their memories, as we honored them while living. Those who are left have taken their positions in life, and are doing good service in their different callings, reflecting credit upon themselves and their Alma Mater.

NEW YORK, May 1, 1877.

" WE live in deeds, not years ; in thoughts, not breaths ;
In feelings, not in figures on a dial.
We should count time by heart-throbs. He most lives
Who thinks most, feels the noblest, acts the best."

SILAS HOBART ADAMS.

SAD is it, in writing the history of the first name on the list of our classmates, we have to write the record of one who was early summoned away, by the Almighty Dispenser of events, from the service of the church and the world, a young man of blameless character, and an intelligent, earnest Christian.

Silas Hobart Adams, a brother of the late Dr. Seymour W. Adams, of the class of 1839, was born in Vernon, Oneida County, N. Y., on the 15th of January, 1845. He pursued his preparatory course of study at the Oneida Seminary, and entered Hamilton College on the 12th of September, 1862, joining the class of 1865, at the beginning of its Sophomore year. He was a most diligent student, close in his application to his college work, and from the outset took the first position in the class, which rank he steadily maintained. He took the first classical prize in Junior year, and graduated at Commencement with the highest honor. His Valedictory was full of deep feeling, and his farewell words to the class were touching and appropriate. Little did we realize that, to most of us at least, we saw him then for the last time.

After graduating he became engaged as a teacher in the Ithaca Academy, which position he held for three years with such positive and increasing success that his best friends convinced him that the work of a Christian teacher should be his chosen life work. He therefore, in the fall of 1868, entered the Rochester Theological Seminary, and was soon after licensed to preach. On the day of prayer for colleges, in February, 1870, he was heard for the last time at a public meeting. His illness began on that day, the 24th of February, and he died in Rochester on the 5th of March following. On the 9th of March he was carried to his grave in Oneida by his classmates from the Rochester Seminary.

Professor North, to whom we are indebted for the facts relating to our classmate, after leaving college, thus concludes his notice of him in the necrological list of the College for 1870 :

"Silas H. Adams was a Christian gentleman. He made no offensive boasts. He seemed to be free from envy and uncharity. He could rejoice heartily in the success of another as if it were his own. It is not right to say that his life here was incomplete, because he was taken to a better life just as he was about to enter upon the work of a Christian minister. His years of study were full of Christian activity. He could not have done as much for Christ, because of narrower opportunities, if his few years had been spent in business."

A memoir of Mr. Adams was published, shortly after his death, by Rev. Theodore C. Jerome, of the

class of 1869, a copy of which we regret we have been unable to obtain, in order to have given some details in regard to our classmate's early life.

In personal appearance Mr. Adams was rather below the usual height, slender frame, and light complexion. He was quiet and retiring in his disposition, but those who knew him best found in him a warm, generous, sympathetic nature. Unostentatious in his manner, pure in mind, conscientious in the discharge of every duty, his memory will linger long in the hearts of those who knew him best, as a true man and a faithful friend.

GEORGE HENRY ALLEN.

WE copy from the record of the class, prepared by William O. Webster in the fall of 1866, the following account of our classmate:

"George Henry Allen was born in the village of Oriskany Falls, on the 23d of August, 1842, and passed his boyhood with his parents at home. At the age of eighteen he entered Whitestown Seminary, Whites-town, N. Y., for the purpose of preparing for college. Making rapid progress in his studies, he entered Hamilton College as Freshman September 12th, 1861. During this year in college, by his modest bearing he won the esteem of every member of his class, while his quiet and reserved manners gained for him the highest respect.

In college he gave his heart to Christ, and became a member of the college church.

“In the Summer vacation of 1862, when the call was made for more troops, he refused longer to deny himself the privilege of fighting for his country. Accordingly, in September of the same year, he enlisted as a private in Company G, One Hundred and Forty-sixth Regiment, New York Volunteers, then being organized by Captain I. P. Powell. As soon as the regiment was organized, it was ordered to the front, and during the following three years participated in over twenty of the hard-fought battles of the war, in which Allen acted a brave and manly part. At the battle of Gettysburg he received a wound in the head, which confined him for a considerable time in the hospital. In the early part of the service he was promoted to sergeant, and would soon have been commissioned as lieutenant had he not fallen. He was killed in the battle of the Wilderness, May 5th, 1864.

“Such is the record of a beloved son and brother. He was a noble, true-hearted man and a brave soldier. He said little, yet was always true. Deeds were his words, and the place and manner of his death the most fitting eulogy to his character.”

“What pity is it
That we can die but once to serve our country !”

ORVILLE PAYSON ALLEN.

THE class received several additions during Sophomore year, and among them the classmate whose name appears above.

Orville Payson Allen was born in New Haven, Oswego County, N. Y., on the 13th day of May, 1842; he was the son of George W. and Harriet B. Allen. His early life was passed with his parents in New Haven, but was prepared for college at Williston Seminary, Easthampton, Mass. He graduated from that institution in 1862, and on the 11th of September of the same year he entered Hamilton College. He graduated in course in 1865, and immediately commenced the study of the law. He entered the office of Hon. Roscoe Conkling, of Utica, N. Y., and also joined the Law School at the college; he was admitted to the bar through the Law Department, in July, 1866, and received the degree of LL.B. Mr. Allen was popular with his classmates. He had a graceful and easy manner, and a fine presence; he was a good speaker, and was one of the competitors for the prize during Sophomore year. Since graduating he has resided in Utica, and devoted himself to his profession.

FREDERICK DWIGHT ALLING.

ALLING's history is best told in his own words. In answer to your secretary's letter he says:

"I was born on the 9th of July, 1843, at Rochester, N. Y., son of William and Martha S. Alling. I studied and prepared for college at the Rochester Collegiate Institute. After leaving college I was employed for two years and a half as clerk and travelling salesman in the stationery trade conducted by Alling & Cory, of this city. In July, 1867, I started in business for myself, in the fine stationery, engraving, and fancy goods line; in 1869 I closed out the fancy goods, stationery, and engraving departments, and devoted myself exclusively to the manufacture of all kinds of ink and mucilage, in which business I am still engaged. Have always resided in this city. Never entered the army, and never participated in any *engagement* excepting the one which brought me my wife. I was married in this city, May 14th, 1868, to Miss Emily A. McKaye, of Rochester.

"Am now blessed with two girls and a first-class boy. Am a member of the Central Presbyterian Church, of this city, with which I united in June, 1856. Have never sought or held any office except my own business office, which contrives effectually to hold me most of the time. I have accumulated a comfortable competence, but am far from wealthy; have fully

established my business, and am selling my manufactures throughout twenty-eight States. Modesty forbids me to enlarge upon the intrinsic merit of my goods; suffice it to say I can and do use them myself, and still live. It is my intention to continue in this line of business. Since leaving college have done some studying and reading, but more writing, although my name has gained a wider celebrity in connection with paper unsullied by ink. I never have met with any grievous physical accident, have never been blessed with twins, and never occupied a 'post-tradership.' My life has been devoid of any especial excitement, and have managed to pursue the *uneven* tenor of my way in a quiet and tolerably orderly manner.

"Were it possible for me to spare the time to send you a more detailed account of my life, would cheerfully indite the same; but having found sufficient worry in life without keeping a journal, I have no data to avail myself of, and have to draw liberally on my memory."

Such is the account our classmate gives of himself. That strict attention and fidelity which marked his college course, always being faithful and regular in his duties, has been continued, and brought him success in life. Alling entered college as Freshman September 12th, 1861, and remained more than three years; it was a source of regret to his classmates that he withdrew at end of the first term Senior. He received the degree of Bachelor of Arts from the college in 1868.

JOHN ROWLAND ARRISON.

For the third time it is the sad duty of the historian to give the record of a classmate who has passed from our sight, while yet in the prime of life and in the midst of buoyant hopes and unaccomplished plans, to the realms above.

John Rowland Arrison was born in Philadelphia, Pa., on the 7th of May, 1839. He received his early education at the North-west Public School of that city, and entered the High School at the age of thirteen; the delicate state of his health, however, compelled him, a year or two later, to relinquish his plans for study, and for several years he was engaged in mercantile pursuits at Philadelphia and Towanda, Pa. In 1859 he resumed his studies at the Delaware Literary Institute, Franklin, Delaware County, N. Y., and entered Hamilton College in September, 1861. Although he remained in college but a year, we still remember him as a good student and a genial, pleasant companion.

In the fall of 1862 he removed to Washington, D. C., and was for several years in the employ of Messrs. Provost, Winters & Co., the builders of the Capitol extension; after its completion he was engaged in the real estate business in Washington, and served for two terms as a member of the District Council. In 1871 he removed to Jersey City, N. J.,

and was connected with the book-publishing house of Taintor Bros., in the city of New York.

Early in the spring of 1875 he contracted a severe cold, which finally developed into consumption, and after a lingering illness of nearly a year, calmly and quietly passed away on the 23d of January, 1876.

Mr. Arrison was a member of the Presbyterian Church, and active as an officer of the church with which he was connected in Washington, and earnest in his public and private duties of Christian faithfulness and devotion.

It was hard for him to make up his mind to die, and he had a desire, if consistent with God's will, to be restored to health, yet he had no misgivings as to the future, and amid the pain and languor and restlessness of disease he evinced a submission which alone comes from a firm faith in Christ. He was courageous and "undismayed by the gloom of the dark valley," and looked forward to the rest and happiness of heaven. In his letter to the secretary, written in November, 1875, but which was not forwarded until after his death, he says: "I have been forced to give up business for several months past on account of ill-health, which the physicians pronounce consumption, so that the sketch I send you will probably be an obituary by the time the book is published." He thus shows his perfect resignation, and with what composure he awaited his summons into eternity.

The sketch he alludes to was not finished, and we are indebted to his brother for the facts of his life.

While living he had trodden the path of obedience to the will of his Heavenly Father, and he now trod, without a murmur, the path of suffering; when nearing his end he said, "I am calmly resting on Christ," and in this spirit his soul took its flight.

In 1865 Mr. Arrison was married to Miss Mary D. Hollister, daughter of the Rev. A. D. Hollister, of Washington. His widow and three children survive him, and are still residing in Jersey City.

EDWARD AUGUSTUS BABCOCK.

EDWARD AUGUSTUS BABCOCK, son of Abel and Salome Babcock, was born in Chester, Massachusetts, on the 10th of September, 1841; he removed to Clinton, New York, while quite young, and resided in the family of Hon. O. S. Williams. He prepared for college at the rural High School in Clinton, then under the care of the Rev. Benjamin W. Dwight, LL.D. He entered Hamilton College as Freshman in the fall of 1861, and graduated with the class July 20th, 1865. In college, "Bab," to use his familiar cognomen, was a consistent student, and his genial and smiling face and dry humor none can ever forget. We recall his capture of the turkeys which made the famous feast in

Sophomore year, and the attack and repulse of the Freshmen "after the last bone had been picked;" but why allude to it in detail? Is not the whole affair vividly written in the memories of us all? Mr. Babcock was the Prophet on Class Day, and his prophecy, written in his unique and humorous style, was an effort worthy of him and the occasion.

After graduating, our classmate was engaged for a time as Principal of Schoharie Academy, Schoharie, New York. He soon afterwards went West, and was located at New Boston, Ill., Wolcott, Iowa, and Omaha, Neb., and was principally engaged in teaching. He finally settled in Avoca, Potawatamie County, Iowa, studied law, and was admitted to practice.

Of his Western experience we had heard something, and in his letter, read at the decennial reunion of the class held in June, 1875, he gave us many amusing incidents of his life. "I have," he says, "had some hard rubs, and had my share of ups and downs, but upon the whole Father Time has dealt generously with me."

We were favored with a call from him in the fall of 1876, on his return from the Centennial. He reported himself as still at Avoca, and we were glad to learn that he was doing well in his profession: patience and pluck were having their own reward. He is unmarried, but says he has "hopes." He still maintains his adherence to the principles of the Democratic Party.

WILLIAM HENRY BATES.

WILLIAM HENRY BATES was born in the town of Champion, Jefferson County, New York, on the 20th of May, 1840 ; son of Alden Spooner and Harriet Otis Bates. His mother was a lineal descendant of Richard Otis, one of the early settlers of New Hampshire.

He received the first instruction in his preparatory studies for college at the Pulaski Academy, Pulaski, Oswego County, New York, but his final preparation was made while studying by himself at his home in Champion. He entered Hamilton College as Freshman, in the class of '65, on the 12th of September, 1861. While pursuing his studies at college, he found time to teach, and prepared two students to enter Hamilton ; he was also absent a portion of one year, and engaged as principal of a school at Cayuga. The summer vacation of 1864 he spent in the army, in the interest of the Christian Commission, and performed noble service in ministering to the sick, the wounded, and the dying ; he was himself weakened by the exposure and fatigue which he was called upon to undergo, and attacked with hemorrhages from the lungs, from which he continued to suffer more or less during his senior year.

Mr. Bates was an ardent student, and faithful to his college work ; he was a successful prize speaker in Sophomore year, and was graduated with one of the honors of the class.

After leaving college, he entered, on the 6th of September, 1865, the Auburn Theological Seminary, from which he graduated three years later. He was absent during his seminary course long enough to assist in starting, and was for a time associate principal of, the Lookout Mountain Educational Institutions, now among the most flourishing seminaries in East Tennessee.

Before completing his theological studies, he had been called to the pastorate of the Presbyterian church at McGrawville, Cortland County, New York, and entered upon his duties there soon after leaving the seminary. Realizing the peculiar difficulties of a young minister in taking charge of any church while still a bachelor, he had wisely forestalled any complications that might arise, and on the 8th of July, 1868, was married to Miss Nellie Peckham, of Pulaski, the Rev. Samuel Ware Fisher, D.D., officiating at the ceremony. Mr. Bates labored faithfully for nearly two years and a half at McGrawville, when a return of the hemorrhages compelled him to relinquish his work. His church kindly raised him a generous purse, gave him leave of absence for four months, and sent him West. But he grew worse instead of better; he was soon too ill to return home alone, and was brought back late in November, 1870, to the house of his father-in-law at Pulaski, expecting never to recover; but a kind Providence had much in store for him in the future, and much work for him to do as a faithful minister in

the cause of the Master. To the surprise of himself and his friends, soon after his return he slowly began to mend, and continued to improve during the winter; the following spring and summer he devoted to the restoration of his health, and in the fall of 1871 he had so far recovered as to feel justified in accepting a call to the Presbyterian church at Waverly, Tioga County, New York, where he has since continued his labors uninterruptedly, his health having now become firmly established. He has a fine church of about two hundred and seventy-five members, one hundred and sixty of whom have been received into membership since he became its pastor.

Mr. Bates has three children, all boys, the eldest eight years of age, the youngest two. Like all fathers he believes his to be the best in the class. We recall a remark made, in his peculiar vein, by Professor North about the eldest one, when a year or two old, that "he looked as though he held the Westminster Catechism in solution;" his father will see to it that it is *precipitated* in due time.

ISAAC OLIVER BEST.

THE Ogdensburg Institute sent three students to Hamilton College in the fall of 1861, to join the Freshman class, one of whom was the subject of this sketch. Isaac Oliver Best, son of John M. and Eliza-

beth Best, was born in Oswegatchie, St. Lawrence County, New York. The first fifteen years of his life were spent in that town. His parents afterwards removed to Ogdensburg, from which place, five years later, he entered college. His connection with the class of 1865 continued only for a year: patriotism proved stronger than the love of academic life, and during the summer vacation of 1862 he enlisted as a private in the Sixteenth Regiment, New York Volunteers, but did not join his regiment until October 1st, it being then stationed at Bakersville, Md. He was with the Army of the Potomac, and passed through both the battles of Fredericksburg, also the battle of Salem Heights. The term of service of the Sixteenth Regiment having expired, he was transferred to the One Hundred and Twenty-first Regiment, New York Volunteers, of the Sixth Corps. The Sixth Corps was detached and sent to Washington to oppose the rebel General Early, July 10th, 1864. He was under Sheridan during his campaign in the Shenandoah Valley, and returned to the Army of the Potomac in December, 1864. Mr. Best took part in nearly all the battles in which the Army of the Potomac was engaged, from Antietam to Appomattox. He remained in the army until the close of the war, and was mustered out of service in July, 1865; he returned to college in September of the same year, and graduated with the class of 1867.

After leaving college, Mr. Best was, for four years,

engaged as teacher of the Greek and Latin languages in the Normal School at Bloomsburg, Pa. He afterwards taught at Mt. Morris, N. Y. Mr. Best became a member of the Presbyterian Church in 1858, and at that time formed the intention of entering the Christian ministry. His studies were directed to that end, and in 1872 he was licensed to preach and was settled at Otisco, Onondaga County, N. Y. In 1875 he removed to Clinton and took charge of the Rural High School, where he still remains, "ready," as he writes us, "to receive with open arms and open heart any member of the class of '65 who may stray back to Clinton, and so far as in me lies to make him merry at the expense of the fatted calf." Mr. Best was married, on the 2d of July, 1868, to Miss Harriet C. Lindsay, of Dorchester, Mass., and rejoices in being the happy father of two children.

TRUMAN STAFFORD LEROY BETTS.

TRUMAN STAFFORD LEROY BETTS, son of Stephen M. Betts and Mary E. Betts, was born in Franklin, Delaware County, July 21st, 1844. He fitted for college with Principal George Kerr, of the Delaware Literary Institute, Franklin, N. Y., and entered Hamilton College as Freshman September 12th, 1861; he graduated with the class in July, 1865. He afterwards read law for a time in Franklin, but soon gave it up for the study of

medicine. The following, from the necrological list prepared by Professor North in 1875, is all that we have been able to gather in reference to our classmate:

“In March, 1869, he was graduated with high distinction from the medical department of the University of Pennsylvania, and soon after began the practice of medicine in Trenton, N. J. In 1870 he was compelled by ill health to give up his practice and go to Florida. After spending a year in Tallahassee, he sailed for Europe with an invalid friend as his medical adviser. On his return he was attacked with hemorrhage of the lungs while at Liverpool. He suffered much during the voyage home, and died a few weeks after reaching Trenton, October 11th, 1872. Dr. Betts was admitted to St. Paul’s Church, in Franklin, in 1866. He was never married.”

Mr. Betts suffered much from ill health while in college, which prevented him from confining himself closely to his studies and taking that position in the class to which his abilities fairly entitled him. He was gentle in his bearing, affable in his manner, and gained the friendship and love of his classmates.

DANA WILLIAMS BIGELOW

DANA WILLIAMS BIGELOW was born in Waterville, Oneida County, N. Y., on the 27th of November, 1843. His early life was passed at his father’s home in that place, and his preparation for college was made at the Waterville Academy. He entered Hamilton

with the class at the beginning of its Freshman year, and graduated July 20th, 1865. In college Mr. Bigelow was a successful student; he was a good writer, and possessed many of the elements of a true orator. He was a successful prize speaker in Freshman year, took a prize in writing Sophomore year, and was one of the Clark Prize orators during Senior year: his oration on the "Life and Labors of Samuel Kirkland" was a fine tribute to the memory of the founder of our Alma Mater. On the 8th of September, 1865, he entered the Theological Seminary at Auburn, N. Y. During the following summer he was engaged as principal of the academy at his home in Waterville. He completed his theological studies in May, 1865, and, we believe, preached for a time in Fayetteville, Onondaga County. He was afterwards settled over the Presbyterian church in Pitcher, Chenango County, which charge he held for several years. At the beginning of the present year he received a call from the Presbyterian church in West Utica, at which place he is now settled; his inaugural sermon was preached on the 8th of April.

Mr. Bigelow is married, and several children "rise up and call him blessed."

MORRIS POWELL BREWER, JR.

THE record prepared by Mr. Webster in 1867 gives the following account of Brewer :

“He was born in Vernon, Oneida County, N. Y., July 4th, 1845 ; he joined the Freshman class of Hamilton College April 24th, 1862, left college at the end of Junior year, July, 1864, and enlisted in the Fifth Regiment, New York Volunteers, Heavy Artillery. Returned a ‘scarred and bronzed veteran,’ and was mustered out of service at Sackett’s Harbor, July 6th, 1865. He re-entered college in the class of ’66, in September, 1865, with which he graduated July 19th, 1866. In the fall of the same year he commenced the study of law in the Law School of Michigan University.”

We learn that he was admitted to the bar in May, 1868, went to Council Bluffs, Iowa, commenced practice, and is now the junior member of the firm of Clinton, Hart & Brewer. He is married, and three children shed light and joy around his hearthstone.

ALFRED HENRY CHAMPLIN.

ALL efforts to reach this classmate by letter having failed, we are compelled to give his history from the record published in 1867, and our own recollection.

He was born in Whitestown, Oneida County, N. Y., on the 19th of September, 1840. His early life was passed in that village, and he pursued his preparatory course of study at the Whitestown Seminary, under the direction of James H. Gardner, Ph.D.

He entered Hamilton College as Freshman on the 12th of September, 1861. Although of more than average ability, Mr. Champlin's course was not marked by any striving after college honors; but as a writer he excelled, and there was a delicacy and a charm about all that came from his pen. He was the orator on Class-Day, and his oration on the Ideal was a fine production, and contained many passages of rare beauty. His Commencement oration on Woman was a finished effort and a worthy tribute to the sex. After graduating he entered the Medical Department of Michigan University, and upon receiving his degree commenced the practice of medicine in Ann Arbor, Mich. He is now settled in Englewood, Ill., and is doing well in his profession. We learn, through Parker, who saw him not long since, that he is married, and is the "same jolly fellow as of old."

WILLIAM JAMES COSNETT.

"BLESSED are the dead which die in the Lord," says the divine writer. "It is sweet and glorious to die for one's country," says the heathen poet. In

the career of our classmate we have the record of a noble life eminent for the purest piety and rare Christian character united with the most self-sacrificing patriotism. Lives like his are examples whose influences never die, but grow brighter and brighter as the years roll on.

William James Cosnett was born in New York on the 16th of September, 1836. He entered Hamilton College from Nunda, Livingston County, on the 12th of September, 1861. He left college at the close of Freshman year, July, 1862, and on the 30th of August of the same year, he enlisted in Company F, Thirty-third Regiment, New York Volunteers. He joined his regiment at Hagerstown, Md., soon after the battle of Antietam, passed through the first battle of Fredericksburg, and was killed in the battle of Chancellorsville, May 3d, 1863.

Such, in brief, are the incidents of his life. We here insert the following account of his life and character, taken from the record prepared by Mr. Webster. He says:

"We first learn of Cosnett in his preparatory course for college as one of the most devoted and earnest young Christians. Although his means of livelihood were limited, still by great perseverance he entered college with the ministry in view. While in college, for his untiring patience and modesty he was beloved by us all.

"Of all the members of the class, he was the most self-sacrificing for others. Often did some one remark that 'Cosnett never recites for "marks," but from principle.' No better tribute

can be paid to his character than the following from an abler pen than mine :

“ ‘I am sure I shall always remember Cosnett’s unswerving adherence to what he believed to be his duty. It seemed to me that with him the mainspring of action was fidelity to conscience and duty. Whenever his tall, straight form rises before me, it suggests a Christian character, firm and unstooping. Intellectually he was neither brilliant nor great, yet there was strength and greatness in his unsullied manhood. It was always good for me, as I doubt not it was for others, to come in contact with him and feel the inspiration of his devoted piety.’ ”

“While spending the summer vacation of 1862 at home, the nation called for ‘more men.’ Said he, in his own peculiar manner, ‘Mother, how can I go back and sit down to my studies, when my country is in such a perilous situation? For the present I feel that my duty is to my country.’ His mother and sister parted with him, and so did we.

“He enlisted as a private in Company F, Thirty-third Regiment, New York Volunteers, and joined his regiment at Hagerstown, Md., soon after the battle of Antietam. He lay at Clear Spring, Md., from a severe attack of fever, long after the army had crossed the Potomac. He, however, joined the regiment before the first battle of Fredericksburg, and was engaged in the fight.

“During the four months that followed, while the army lay in winter quarters, Cosnett improved the time to the best advantage in defence of the religion he professed. By his upright conduct and obliging manners he became known to the whole regiment.

“On the morning of April 28th, 1863, the army broke up its quarters, and on the night of May 2d crossed the river. On the following morning, May 3d, Sunday, the Thirty-third was deployed in front of the enemy’s works, where they had met so bloody a repulse in the December previous. The hours passed

slowly while waiting the time appointed for the assault. Cosnett seemed singularly anxious for action. More than once he was heard to say, 'Why don't we charge? The only way to take that fort is to march up there and fight.' At length the assault came. In the tempest of fire and smoke he was lost sight of, nor was he seen again until the battle was gained. He was found some yards in advance of his company, dead!"

When the news of his death was received at college, a meeting of the class was held and the following resolutions were unanimously adopted, as a token of sincere respect for his memory:

"*Whereas*, We have heard with the most profound sorrow of the decease of our beloved classmate;

"*Resolved*, That in his death the class of '65 has lost one of its most esteemed members: one whose noble qualities as a man and Christian endeared him to us all.

"*Resolved*, That we tender to his afflicted relatives our warmest sympathy in this their hour of mourning for the departed son and brother.

"*Resolved*, That in testimony of our grief we wear the usual badge of mourning for thirty days, and that copies of these resolutions be sent to the family of the deceased, and be published in the *Clinton Courier* and *Nunda Times*.

"JAMES P. STRATTON, J. M. GOERTNER, H. B. TOMPKINS,	}	Committee."
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In the poem delivered in the college chapel at the celebration of Washington's Birthday, on the 22d of

February, 1864, the following beautiful allusion was made to our classmate :

“Mid clash of arms and battle din,
Where cannon roared and earth drank in
The blood of hecatombs of men
Whose places others filled again,—
That fatal day at Chancellorsville,
Where, battle waxing fiercer still,
His voice was heard by the band
That rallied on at his command,
He fell ; and 'Sixty-five there lost
A braver soldier at his post
Than ever mixed with Trojan mould.
His character of purest gold
Shines brightest in our coronal ;
And country's altar never shall
With nobler warrior's life-blood be
Suffused. Our manhood higher he
Hath raised, by childlike, godlike life,
Though fallen young in the nation's strife.”

The following extract is taken from the Prophecy delivered at the class-day exercises, July 18th, 1865 :

“And now what shall the Prophet say of the brave classmates who have fallen where the rebel bullets fell thick and fast? Their golden future has come ; their Eldorado reached ; no more shall the harsh notes of the *reveille* awaken them, nor the fierce whistle of rebel bullets send a momentary pang to their hearts. They have come to a halt now, and are bivouacked in the golden streets of the New Jerusalem, and above all the voices of that countless host that swell the anthem of the Most High the deep and melodious diapason of Cosnett reverberates, clear and powerful as in days of yore.”

GEORGE CRAIG.

GEORGE CRAIG, son of Thomas and Mary Craig, was born in Lisbon, St. Lawrence County, New York, December 6th, 1840. His early youth was spent at Lisbon, and afterwards removed with his parents to Ogdensburg. He studied for a time at the Ogdensburg Academy, but completed his preparation for college at Gouverneur Wesleyan Seminary, and entered Hamilton, joining the class of '65, "Third-Term Freshman," April 24th, 1862.

Mr. Craig's college course was uneventful, but was marked by a close application to his studies. As his means were limited, he spent the winter terms in teaching, but he maintained his position in the class, and graduated in July, 1865. In September of the same year he entered the Princeton Theological Seminary, and during the summer vacations travelled through the State of Illinois in the interests of the American Tract Society. He graduated from the seminary in 1868, and for the next six years had charge of churches in the towns of Luzerne, Corinth, Conklingville, and Day, Saratoga County, N. Y. In June, 1875, he removed to Chili, Monroe County, N. Y., and took charge of the Presbyterian church in that place, where he still continues his labors.

Mr. Craig has met with encouraging success in the ministry, and is thoroughly devoted to his work. He

writes that, "Since receiving my certificate from Princeton Seminary in April, 1868, I have not been out of the harness a single Sabbath, holding in some of my missionary fields of labor as many as six services in one day." Mr. Craig united with the Presbyterian church in Ogdensburg in 1858. He is still unmarried.

OSCAR HENRY ELMER.

OSCAR HENRY ELMER was born at Unionville, Orange County, N. Y., on the 27th of August, 1844. He prepared for college at the Unionville Academy and at Mt. Retirement Seminary, N. J., and entered the Sophomore class at Hamilton in September, 1862. It was the intention of Mr. Elmer, when entering college, to prepare himself for the study of the law, but during Senior year he became impressed with the feeling that it was his duty to enter the ministry. He graduated with the class in July, 1865, and in the fall of the same year entered the Union Theological Seminary in New York City, from which institution he graduated in the spring of 1868. He immediately entered the mission field—that truest of all Christian labor—and for three years was located at Sauk Centre, Minn. In October, 1871, he removed to the new town of Moorhead, Clay County, Minn., situated on the Red River of the North, where it is crossed by the Northern Pacific

Railroad. He is still engaged in his work at that place, and has succeeded in building a pleasant church and gathering an increasing congregation. In 1876 Mr. Elmer was one of the commissioners to the General Assembly of the Presbyterian Church in Brooklyn. He is still unmarried, but "hopeful."

EDWARD FAKE.

NOTE.—Mr. Fake expressed himself to the Class President, Mr. Hicok, in 1875, as having lost all interest in the college and the class. Accordingly we have made no effort to obtain any information in regard to him. We believe he afterwards became a member of '66, and therefore consign him and his record, if he has any, to the historian of that class.

JAMES ALEXANDER FERGUSON.

FERGUSON'S history is best told by inserting the following letter.

"HANOVER, N. J., February 5, 1877.

"MY DEAR TOMPKINS: I shall have to beg your pardon for not answering your communication of last summer promptly, but it arrived, if I mistake not, just as I was about to start with my family for our usual vacation among the Thousand Islands, and when I returned it was not to be found. I do not remember your questions, but I send you the following items:

"I was born on the 12th of May, 1843, in Oswegatchie, St.

Lawrence County, N. Y. Prepared for college at Ogdensburg Academy, under R. G. Pettibone. Entered Hamilton College September, 1861, and graduated with the class in 1865. Entered Princeton Theological Seminary in September, 1865, and remained one year. In October, 1866, I began to supply the Presbyterian church of Morristown, N. Y., and continued to do so for one year, under the direction of the Presbytery of Ogdensburg. I was licensed to preach the Gospel by that presbytery June 30th, 1868. I entered middle year at Union Theological Seminary, New York City, October, 1868, and graduated in May, 1869. Received a call from the Presbyterian church at Hanover, N. J., to become its pastor, in February, 1869. I was ordained, and installed pastor of this church on the 18th of May, 1869, by the Presbytery of Rockaway, and have continued in this relation ever since.

"I was married May 27th, 1869, to Miss Isabella R. Bell, daughter of G. R. Bell, Esq., of Ogdensburg, N. Y., who died December 3d, 1873, leaving an infant daughter. Was again married on the 30th of December, 1875, to Miss Kate E. Parker, daughter of Rev. Charles C. Parker, of Parsippany, N. J.

"I remain yours very truly,

"J. A. FERGUSON."

Mr. Ferguson was a conscientious student in college, and took a high rank in the class. He received one of the Hawley medals for excellence in the classics. He was also one of the Clark Prize orators, and was awarded the classical honor at graduation; his oration at Commencement on the "Legacy of Athens to English Poetry" was finely conceived and well written.

HENRY FOORD.

HENRY FOORD was born in Cazenovia, Madison County, N. Y., in the year 1841. He was the son of Dr. Henry Foord, one of the most prominent physicians of that place.

Our classmate's preparation for college was made at the Oneida, now the Central New York Conference, Seminary, one of the most prominent schools of the Methodist denomination in the State. He entered Hamilton College as Freshman on the 12th of September, 1861. He left at the close of second term Junior, and was engaged for a time in the oil business in Pennsylvania. He later began the study of medicine, and after taking his degree commenced the practice of his profession in Rome, N. Y., where he is now residing. Mr. Foord is a member of the Presbyterian Church. He is still unmarried.

JOSEPH MECHLIN GOERTNER.

JOSEPH MECHLIN GOERTNER, son of Rev. Nicholas W. and Lucretia Mechlin Goertner, was born in Red Hook, Dutchess Co., N. Y., on the 3d of June, 1844. His father was at that time settled over the Presbyterian church in that town, but subsequently removed

to Lockport, and was afterwards settled in Canandaigua, Yonkers, and Philadelphia. Six years of our classmate's life were passed in the latter city; in 1859 his father received the appointment as Commissioner of Hamilton College, and removed in the same year, with his family, to Clinton.

Our classmate prepared for college at Dwight's Rural High School, entered Hamilton with the class of '65 in September, 1866, and remained until the close of Junior year. For the next few years his life was one of varied experiences and vicissitudes. After severing his connection with the college, he removed to Chicago, and was engaged for a year in the clothing business, with the firm of P. V. Kellogg & Co. The next year was passed in Kansas, Colorado, and New Mexico, in the employ of the government as train-master and transportation agent. The hostile attitude of the Indians, with whom he had several encounters, rendered his position one of great difficulty and responsibility. He spent a portion of the following summer on a visit to his friends in Clinton. Returning to the West in the fall, he was engaged, as Assistant Engineer in Charge, in locating the Sioux City and Pacific Railroad. He afterwards went as second in command of the party who made the original survey of the Northern Pacific Railroad, via Yankton, D. T. They experienced the most severe weather during the winter, and it was with the utmost difficulty that the whole party escaped perish-

ing with the cold. Being made ill by the exposure to which he had been subjected, Mr. Goertner resolved to relinquish the engineer's life, and, returning to Clinton, entered, in the fall of 1867, the Law Department of Hamilton College, from which he graduated the following summer, receiving the degree of LL.B. Still regarding the West as his Eldorado, he went in the fall of 1868 to Salt Lake City, and was Deputy United States Postmaster; he had the contract for delivering the mails, and also for furnishing supplies to the forts and military stations in the territory.

Failing to secure the contract the following year, he spent the next few months prospecting among the mines in Arizona, Montana, and Nevada; afterwards returning East, he settled in New York City, and commenced the practice of law in the office of Messrs. Starr & Hooker. In 1872 he received the offer of a position in the land department of the Chicago and North-western Railroad, which he accepted. Before leaving for Chicago he was married, on the 19th of December, 1872, to Miss Frances S. Smith, of Brooklyn, L. I. Two children, a girl and a boy, have thus far blessed their wedded life.

Mr. Goertner united with the Presbyterian church at Clinton in 1868.

GEORGE WASHINGTON HALL.

THE oldest member of the class was George Washington Hall, born in Triangle, Broome County, N. Y., on the 17th of April, 1836. His early life was passed at his home in that place. For some time before entering college he was engaged in teaching, in which he was very successful. His preparation for college was made at the Delaware Literary Institute, Franklin, N. Y. He entered Hamilton on the 2d of January, 1862, and became a member of the class of '65.

He took his degree in course, and intended, after graduating, to enter the ministry, but on account of ill-health he was unable to commence his studies, and was for a time engaged in the life-insurance business. He afterwards commenced teaching again, which, however, he was soon obliged to relinquish. He suffered from a lingering disease, of which he died on the 20th of July, 1869. He was buried at Triangle; the discourse at his funeral was preached by his pastor, the Rev. W. H. Sigston, on Ps. 39 : 4.

In 1853 Mr. Hall united with the Congregational church in Triangle, and from that time forward was a consistent working Christian. Though not brilliant in ability, his attainments were of a solid nature, and had his life been spared to have carried out his cherished plans, he would have been a faithful and efficient

servant in the cause of that Master who called him to the "rest that remaineth for the people of God."

His classmates can bear full testimony to the moral worth and excellence of his character.

FRANK BRADLEY HART.

FRANK BRADLEY HART was born in Charleston, N. H., on the 11th of January, 1839. He prepared for college at the Delaware Literary Institute, and entered the Freshman class at Hamilton September 12th, 1861. He left college at the end of Freshman year, July, 1862, and enlisted in the One Hundred and Forty-fourth Regiment, New York Volunteers, on the 2d of August of the same year. That he was a brave and efficient soldier is evidenced by the rapid succession of his promotions.

Entering the army as a private, he was appointed first sergeant in September, 1862, promoted to a second lieutenancy March 13th, 1863, received a commission as first lieutenant March 26th, 1864, and was made captain in the following May, which rank he held until he was mustered out of service July 16th, 1865.

He participated in the battles at Suffolk, Fort Wagner, siege of Charleston, John's Island, James Island, Honey Hill, Devaux Neck, and Coosawhatchie.

He served on the staff of General Ames, as provost marshal under General Patten, and was also employed for nearly a year as judge-advocate of general court-martial.

In the fall of 1865 he returned to college, entering the class of '66, with which he graduated. After graduating he passed a few months at his home in Walton, N. Y., and afterwards removed to Council Bluffs, Iowa, studied law, and was admitted to practice in May, 1868. He immediately opened an office in partnership with M. P. Brewer. The first struggles for practice were manfully met, and success finally crowned their efforts. They later formed a partnership with Hon. S. Clinton, and under the firm name of Clinton, Hart & Brewer have one of the finest practices in the State.

Mr. Hart is happily married to a daughter of Judge Clinton, his partner, and has one coupon attached to his matrimonial bond.

In a recent letter to your historian our classmate philosophizes as follows: "It is a good world to live in if we devote ourselves to life and its demands, but there is no time for side issues and frivolities. Happy homes and clear consciences are the highest rewards of earth." A sentiment the truth of which we can all realize.

EGBERT DEWEY HAVEN.

EGBERT DEWEY HAVEN was born at Joliet, Ill. We have been unable to learn any facts relative to his early life, but we know that for some time previous to his entering college he had been living in Clinton, in the family of Rev. Benjamin W. Dwight, D.D., and made his preparation for college at the Rural High School, then under Dr. Dwight's charge. He entered Hamilton with the class on the 12th of September, 1861. His course in college was creditable to his abilities; he took the second Sophomore prize in mathematics, and graduated as High and Pruyn Medal orator. His oration on "The Duties of the Educated Young Men of New York to their own Commonwealth" sustained his reputation as a finished writer and effective speaker. After graduating he accepted the position of assistant teacher in Dansville Seminary, remaining there, however, but one term; he then became assistant in the Gilbertsville Academy at Gilbertsville, N. Y. He afterwards studied law, and removed to San Francisco, Cal., in the year 1868, where he still remains, pursuing the practice of his profession.

JOHN HENRY HICOK.

JOHN HENRY HICOK was born in Homer, Cortland County, N. Y., on the 25th of March, 1844. His early life was passed at his father's home in that village.

He prepared for college at the Cortland Academy in Homer, and entered Hamilton with the class of '65. His course in college was unmarked by any especial event, but his warm, generous nature made him a general favorite with all. He was the historian on class day, and the glorious deeds and successes of the class of '65 were ably and eloquently recounted. He graduated in course, and immediately commenced business in the banking house of Jedediah Barber in Homer, of which his father had long been the able and efficient cashier.

Mr. Hicok is still engaged in the banking business in Homer, under the firm name of Hicok, Barber & Co.

He was married in 1867 to Miss Blendina Matthews, of Homer, and three children are the issue of their union.

JOHN MILTON HOLLEY.

JOHN MILTON HOLLEY, son of John M. and Mary K. Holley, was born in Lyons, Wayne County, N. Y., on the 12th of June, 1845. His life was passed in the place of his birth until the time of his entering college. He pursued his preparatory studies at the Union Schools in Lyons, and on the 12th of September, 1861, at the age of sixteen, he became a member of the Freshman class in Hamilton College. He remained with the class of '65 until the close of Junior

year, when the feeling of duty to his country became stronger than the tie of friends or the charm of college life, and he left us to enter the United States naval service. We were sorry to lose him, as we were any to whom we had become attached, and especially those who had borne with us "the burden and heat of the day."

He shipped as landsman on board the United States steamer Vanderbilt, and was soon after rated as ship's writer, in which capacity he served until he was discharged, in June, 1865. The Vanderbilt was engaged for some time in cruising for blockade-runners and rebel privateers; she was afterwards placed in the blockading squadron at Wilmington, N. C., and participated in both the attacks on Fort Fisher, which was finally captured, by the united efforts of the land and naval forces, in January, 1865. In September Mr. Holley returned to college, completed his course, and graduated with the class of 1866. While with us he gave evidence of good scholarship. He was gifted with a fine, clear voice, which secured for him an appointment as prize speaker during Sophomore year, and in the class of '66 he was one of the competitors for the Clark Prize in oratory.

After graduating he removed to the West; he passed one year in Milwaukee and Portage City, and for the past ten years has been located at La Crosse, Wis., engaged in banking, being interested in and teller of the Batavian Bank in that city.

On the 12th of October, 1869, Mr. Holley was married at Niles, Mich., to Miss Orvilla A. King, daughter of D. W. and Phoebe A. King. They have had two children, one a boy, now three years old, the other a daughter, who died in infancy in 1875.

In 1862 Mr. Holley united with the College church. Since his residence in La Crosse he has been connected with the First Congregational Church of that city, of which his wife is also a member, and for the past five years has been superintendent of the Sunday-school.

GEORGE MARSH JANES.

THE ancestors of George Marsh Janes were, for two or three generations, natives of the State of New York. The original ancestor of the family in this country, William Janes, came from England in the year 1637, and was one of the early settlers of the New Haven Colony. His father, the Rev. Francis Janes, was a man of great piety, and an esteemed and earnest Christian minister.

His mother's name was Emily A. Marsh. George, the eldest of a family of three children, was born at Otego, Otsego County, N. Y., on the 14th of October, 1843. While quite young he removed with his parents to Walton, Delaware County, and his life was passed in that place until he went to college. His preparatory

studies were pursued at the Walton Academy, and he entered Hamilton in September, 1862, joining the class of '65 at the beginning of Sophomore year. At the close of the year he left college, and became principal of the Seneca Falls Academy, where he remained for two years; at the end of that time he re-entered college, and graduated with the class of 1866. After graduating, he was again engaged in teaching for the next two years, as principal of the Rural Seminary in East Pembroke, Genesee County, N. Y.

In the spring of 1868 he commenced business as a bookseller in Batavia, N. Y., which he continued for the next five years. In 1855 he had united with the Congregational church at Walton, and had never relinquished the plan, formed in early life, of entering the Christian ministry. Accordingly he gave up his business in the fall of 1873, entered the Auburn Theological Seminary, and was graduated with the class of 1876. He was licensed to preach the Gospel by the Cayuga Presbytery on the 14th of April, 1875. In 1876 he was called to the Presbyterian church at Colchester, N. Y., and was ordained pastor on the 22d of June of the same year by the Presbytery of Otsego. His post-office address is Downsville, Delaware County, N. Y.

Mr. Janes was married on the 20th of June, 1868, to Miss Mattie Vedder, of East Pembroke; one daughter, May Maud Janes, born on the 10th of November, 1873, is the fruit of their union.

BENJAMIN WILLIAM JOHNSON.

BENJAMIN WILLIAM JOHNSON was the youngest son of Hon. Benjamin P. Johnson, for many years the Secretary of the New York State Agricultural Society, and his wife, Mary Adams. He was born in Rome, Oneida County, N. Y., on the 16th of June, 1844. The first five years of his life were spent in that town. In 1849 his parents removed to Albany, from which place our classmate entered college. He pursued his preparatory course of study at the Albany Academy, and joined the class of '65 September 12th, 1861. Mr. Johnson's abilities were of a high order, and he was one of the best writers in the class, and reflected full credit on the name he bears, so famous in the republic of letters. If his verse wanted the poetic fire of the great dramatist, his prose cast no dishonor upon the name of the illustrious Doctor.

His style was easy and graceful, his logic clear, and his arguments forcible; he was a successful competitor for the prize in writing in Freshman and Junior years, received one of the appointments for Clark Prize, and was the poet on class-day.

After graduating, Mr. Johnson returned to Albany, and took a position in the National Commercial Bank of that city, which he occupied until January, 1872, when he became connected with the Albany Savings Bank, and still retains his connection with that institution.

He was married on the 11th of March, 1868, at Homer, Cortland County, N. Y., to Miss Mary H. Bennett, of that place. Two girls and a boy add their charms to his domestic circle.

Mr. Johnson became a member of the College church in 1863, and is now connected with the Sixth Presbyterian Church of Albany.

JAMES PELEG KIMBALL.

THROUGH the kindness of Dr. O. G. Dibble, of Pompey, N. Y., we learned that our classmate was a surgeon in the regular army. By communicating with the Surgeon-General's office at Washington, we obtained his address, and a letter from Dr. Kimball himself enables us to give his history up to the present time.

James Peleg Kimball, son of John F. and Ruth E. Kimball, was born in Berkshire, Tioga County, N. Y., on the 21st of August, 1840. He prepared for college at the Ithaca Academy, Ithaca, N. Y. While pursuing his studies there, he united with the Presbyterian Church. He entered Hamilton College at the beginning of Freshman year, in 1861, and remained with the class until the close of first term Sophomore. He then left, and commenced the study of medicine at Cayuga; he afterwards attended lectures at the medical department of New York University. In the

fall of 1863 he entered the army as a medical cadet, and was stationed at Fort Schuyler, and Newbern, N. C. He afterwards came North, completed his medical studies, and immediately upon taking his degree at the Albany Medical College, in 1864, was appointed assistant surgeon of the One Hundred and Twenty-first Regiment, New York State Volunteers. He was soon after detailed as the recording surgeon of the First Division, Sixth Army Corps, in which capacity he served until he was mustered out of service, July 17th, 1865. The next two years were spent in study and travel, during which time he visited South and Central America and the Californias. On the 14th of May, 1867, he was appointed assistant surgeon, with the rank of first lieutenant, in the regular army. With the exception of a few weeks at Fort Delaware, Delaware, Dr. Kimball has spent most of the time since he has been in the service on the frontier. He was stationed at Fort Buford, Dakota Territory, from July, 1867, until August, 1870, and at Fort Stevenson, Dakota Territory, from August, 1870, until November, 1871. He was next stationed at Little Rock, Arkansas, from which place he was ordered to take the field, and was chief medical officer of "The Yellowstone Expedition," under General Stanley, during the spring and summer of 1873. From October, 1873, until March, 1876, he was stationed at Fort Randall, Dakota Territory, and since that time has been at his present post, Fort Brady, Sault Ste. Marie, Mich.

On the 22d of November, 1869, Dr. Kimball obtained the rank of captain, and in April, 1876, he passed his final examination for promotion to the grade of surgeon, with the rank of major; the latter rank, however, he has not yet obtained, as there are others before him who, like himself, are waiting for a "vacancy."

He was married on the 15th of July, 1869, to Miss Sarah J. Eddy, at Albany, N. Y. His wife has been with him in all his frontier stations except when he was in the field.

In the publications of the office of the Surgeon-General of the army may be found many interesting reports and communications made by Dr. Kimball upon professional and other matters connected with his department.

One incident in the life of our classmate must not pass unnoticed, interesting certainly to him, and not less so to those who are concerned in his welfare.

In the month of March, 1876, he was ordered to take the field with General Custer, and started from his station at Fort Randall, Dakota Territory, *en route* to General Custer's headquarters, but was storm-bound on the Northern Pacific Railroad for nearly a month, when, by a fortuitous chain of circumstances—perhaps we should say it was providential—he was ordered East. Had he been able to join General Custer without delay, he would in all probability have been with him on the fatal day of the massacre of his command by the Indians at the Little Big Horn.

EDWIN CONSTANT LUCE.

EDWIN CONSTANT LUCE, only child of Constant and — Luce, was born in Monroe, Mich., on the 5th of December, 1843. His early life was spent in that place. He prepared for college at the Monroe High School, then under the charge of Prof. George W. Perry and Oren Root, Jr., and entered Hamilton College as Freshman September 12th, 1861. He remained in college three years, leaving at the close of third-term Junior. We were sorry to lose him, as his bright, cheerful face and genial manner had won our hearts, and his buoyancy of spirits made him the life of every circle. After leaving college, he entered the Law School of Michigan University, and graduated in March, 1866. He then returned to his home in Monroe, where he died on the 23d of October, 1870. The following sketch of his character, which appeared in the Monroe *Monitor* soon after his death, pays but a just tribute to his memory :

“The youth whose name is here recorded was known and endeared to many. He goes down to the tomb amid the lamentations of bereaved parents and afflicted friends. Sad is it that one so strong and just in the prime of life should so suddenly be stricken down by the hand of death, and the bright hopes of a noble manhood and the fond expectations of his friends be forever unrealized. During the three weeks of his illness he was called to suffer much by the exhausting attacks of his disease, which, although it baffled the skill of the best medical ex-

perience, yet never prostrated his courage nor shook his benevolent faith. Full of gentleness and enriched with every trait to constitute a pure and benevolent life, he was nevertheless far removed from effeminacy or irresoluteness. There were in him the elements of a high and heroic character, and all who knew him will remember him with pleasant associations, and regret that so much of modest virtue and manly promise has gone out from the circle which he adorned, and by which he was ever regarded with affection and pride. The memory of Edwin C. Luce will never fade from the hearts that mourn his loss, but will ever be cherished in the bosoms of loved ones left behind.

“Those whom the gods love die young, was a maxim of the ancients which we are sometimes tempted to repeat as we see the young man of promise thus mysteriously snatched from life; but the Lord is the judge and sovereign of all, and what we know not now we shall know hereafter in that higher and better life with which he invests his children when they shall have done with this life below; ‘for the righteous hath hope in his death.’”

GEORGE WASHINGTON MARTIN.

AGAIN the historian is called upon to give the record of a classmate whom the grave has hidden from our view, while yet looking forward to a continued sphere of usefulness in the profession he loved and honored.

George Washington Martin, son of Michael and Sarah Martin, was born in Chester, Pa., on the 17th of August, 1839. While still a child, he removed with his parents to Philadelphia, where he continued to

reside until he began his preparations for college. In June, 1858, he united with the Calvary Presbyterian Church, and soon after decided to enter the Christian ministry. To that end he commenced his studies at the West Chester Academy, West Chester, Pa., from which institution he entered Hamilton College as Freshman on the 12th of September, 1861. His course was marked by a faithful devotion to his studies, and he bore off his share of college prizes, being a successful prize speaker, and also receiving one of the Hawley medals for proficiency in the classics. He was pre-eminently the poet of the class, and his effort delivered at the celebration of Washington's Birthday in the college chapel on the 22d of February, 1864, was full of sublime thoughts and true poetic fire. He also delivered a poem at the Junior exhibition of the class, which, though written in a humorous vein, was full of true poetry and showed him to be a favorite with the Muses.

Mr. Martin was popular with his classmates. His integrity and uprightness of character won respect, and his brave, manly, wholesome Christianity exerted an influence for good upon those with whom he came in contact, and shed honor upon the religion he professed.

He graduated with the class in July, 1865, and in the fall of the same year entered the Union Theological Seminary in New York City. Graduating from that institution in May, 1868, he immediately commenced preaching, and occupied the pulpit of the Congregational

church in Saugerties, Ulster County, N. Y., for one year. In June, 1869, he was installed pastor of the Presbyterian church in Schaghticoke, N. Y., where he labored faithfully for nearly two years. Finding his health failing, he was obliged to rest from his work. His last sermon was preached in April, 1871, and in August of the same year his attached and indulgent people sent him and his wife to Denver, Col., hoping the change would restore him to health. A temporary improvement followed, but his lungs proved to be seriously affected, and he died in that city on the 2d of June, 1872. His remains were brought East by his wife, and he was buried, on the 7th of June, at Salem, Washington County, N. Y.

In a letter received from Mrs. Martin, she says: "His life in the ministry was brief but successful, and, with much that was bright and promising in the future, he waited calmly and patiently for the end, which came with the rising sun on Sabbath morning."

It was a great joy to Mr. Martin in his last hours that he had been permitted even for three years to preach the Gospel and engage in that work to which he had dedicated himself fourteen years before. As a friend, he was firm and true; in the nearer relations of life, kind, devoted, and affectionate. His memory will long remain, among those who knew him best, hallowed by the recollection of his many virtues.

Mr. Martin was married on the 1st of February

1871, to Miss Sarah Lambert, daughter of Rev. A. B. Lambert, D.D., now of Rupert, Vt. He left one child, a son three months old, at the time of his death.

LOUIS R. McLANE.

THE youngest member of the class of 1865 was Louis R. McLane. He was born in Richmond, Va., on the 13th of March, 1846. The first year of his academic life was passed at Columbian College, Washington, D. C. Leaving that institution, he entered Hamilton on the 8th of January, 1863. He was not, however, an aspirant for college honors, and he closed his course at the end of Junior year. He then returned to Washington, and was, for a time, assistant pardon clerk in the office of the Attorney-General. Although diligent inquiries have been made, we have been unable to learn any thing of his subsequent career.

WILLIAM SLOAN MILLER.

WILLIAM SLOAN MILLER, son of Charles C. and Harriet N. Miller, was born in the city of New York, June 1st, 1842. His early life was spent in that city, although his preparation for college was made at Southampton, Long Island. In 1861 he entered Fresh-

man at the Free Academy, now the College of New York, where he remained one year; leaving that institution, he entered Hamilton College, and joined the class of '65 at the beginning of its Sophomore year, September 11th, 1862. He remained but one term, when he relinquished the idea of going through college, to engage in the more active pursuits of business. He was a good student, and excelled especially in the classics. Had he remained to graduate, he would have taken a high rank in the class. Immediately upon leaving college, he commenced business in New York City, and has been successful. He is now the head of the firm of W. S. Miller & Co., produce commission merchants, No. 51 Broad street. Mr. Miller is still unmarried, but, as he is a favorite in New York society, we should not be surprised at any time to learn that he had become a Benedict.

HOWARD ELLIOT MITCHELL.

HOWARD ELLIOT MITCHELL was born in Hudson, Columbia County, N. Y., in the year 1845. He prepared for college at Phillips Academy, Andover, Mass., and entered the Freshman class of Hamilton College on the 12th of September, 1861. He remained but one year, and on the 2d of August, 1862, enlisted as a private in the One Hundred and Twenty-eighth

Regiment, New York State Volunteers. He afterwards became lieutenant, served until the close of the war, and was mustered out on the 12th of July, 1865.

Lieutenant Mitchell participated in fourteen different battles; was at the siege of Port Hudson; with General Banks in the Red River expedition; in Sheridan's campaign through the Shenandoah Valley; and with Sherman's army in its march to the sea.

After leaving the service, he spent two years in California, and then became engaged in the drug business in New York and Chicago, to which he devoted himself for the next nine years. Finding his health suffering from the close confinement, he removed a year or two since to Benton Harbor, on Lake Michigan, and is now successfully engaged in fruit-farming.

Mr. Mitchell was married in 1868, and has one daughter living.

STEWART MONTGOMERY.

STEWART MONTGOMERY was born in Whitehall, Washington County, N. Y., on the 20th of April, 1840. He entered Hamilton College as Sophomore on the 11th of September, 1862, from the Delaware Literary Institute, Franklin, N. Y.—an institution at which many of the members of the class of '65 received their preparation for college. He graduated with the class on the 20th of July, 1865, and in the

following August became principal of the East Bloomfield Academy. At the beginning of 1866 he took charge of the "Free School Academy" at Port Byron, N. Y. He afterwards went to Michigan, and was for several years superintendent of the public schools at Grand Rapids in that State. Mr. Montgomery is at present professor in Olivet College, Olivet, Eaton County, Mich. We regret that our communication to him has not met with a reply, so that we could have given a fuller and more satisfactory account of our classmate.

LUTHER ALLEN OSTRANDER.

AMONG the later accessions to the class of '65 was Luther Allen Ostrander. Of marked abilities, and close in his application as a student, he immediately took a high position in the class, and graduated with honor.

He was born in Franklinville, Cattaraugus County, N. Y., on the 14th of July, 1843, son of Joseph and Irene Ostrander. His parents soon after removed to Ellicottville, where they resided until he was thirteen years old. They then removed to Chicago, Ill., which was his home for the next twelve years. At the age of fifteen, Ostrander gave his heart to Christ and became a member of the Presbyterian Church. He pursued his preparatory studies at the Oneida Conference

Seminary, Cazenovia, N. Y., and entered Freshman at Knox College, Galesburg, Ill., in the fall of 1861. Leaving there at the close of Sophomore year, he entered Hamilton, joined the Junior class on the 10th of September, 1863, and graduated in course in July, 1865. Although excelling in his studies, yet it was as a writer and a speaker that his talents were more clearly distinguished. He was brilliant as an orator, clear and vigorous as a thinker, and a skilful master of language. He was appointed prize speaker during his Junior year, and was also successful as a prize essayist. He was the successful Clark Prize orator in Senior year, and his oration on "Opinions stronger than Armies" was an elegant and powerful effort. He received one of the honors of the class upon graduating, and, as the successful head prize orator, he delivered at commencement his oration on "Alexander Hamilton as a Financier," giving a clear-sighted and comprehensive analysis of Hamilton's schemes for reorganizing the financial system of the country and funding the public debt.

Upon leaving college, Mr. Ostrander accepted an appointment as tutor in Robert College, Constantinople, which position he held for two years. While engaged in his duties there he also made a special study of the manners and customs of the Turks and other eastern nations. After returning to America he commenced the study of theology, first in Chicago, afterwards at the Seminary in Auburn, and final-

ly completed his studies at the Union Theological Seminary, New York City. While continuing his studies at Auburn and New York Mr. Ostrander entered the lecture-field, and his course of five lectures, "Two Years in Turkey," "Modern Life in Egypt," "Modern Life in Palestine," "Modern Life in Greece," and "From Mont Blanc to Venice," which he delivered in various cities and towns in the State, were received with the highest approbation by his audiences and elicited the most flattering encomiums from the press.

The following resolution was passed at the close of his course in Auburn, N. Y., as an expression by the audience of their appreciation of his lectures:

"Resolved, That we have heard with much pleasure the able, instructive, and brilliant lectures of Mr. L. A. Ostrander. They deserve to be repeated to full houses here, and are worthy to draw crowded assemblies wherever they may be delivered; their variety of style, combining in succession extracts from his journal, highly elaborate and picturesque descriptions, conversational, condensed statement, and earnest declamation, have secured our unwearied attention. With rare vividness Mr. Ostrander represents characters and scenes before his hearers. His protracted residence as teacher in the Robert College of Constantinople, his travels through the Turkish Empire in the East, his careful observation, and his thorough preparation of these lectures in every respect, the general interest of the Eastern Question, the special interest of the antiquities of Turkey, and the sacred interest of the church in the Protestant missions of Turkey and Greece, give an unusual value to these lectures. They afford, in the most easy, rapid, and entertaining form of

instructions, the result of much study. Sympathy with the oppressed, abhorrence of tyranny, appreciation of American liberty, admiration for the heroism of Christian missions, and hope in the transforming power of the Gospel, crown all their excellences, and we heartily commend them to the attention of the public at large."

Notices equally unqualified in their terms of approbation appeared in the *Syracuse Journal*, *Chicago Times*, *New York Tribune* and *Times*, and other papers of the day.

Soon after leaving the Seminary, Mr. Ostrander received a call to the Second Presbyterian Church of Dubuque, Iowa, one of the largest and most flourishing churches in the State; he labored there for six years, devoted to his work, as a faithful minister of the Gospel. He was chairman of the Presbyterian Home Missionary Committee, and also one of the trustees of the Lenox Collegiate Institute. He still continued to lecture while in Dubuque, and of his lecture entitled "Success," delivered before the Teachers' Normal Institute, the *Dubuque Times* of August 25th, 1875, says as follows:

"On Thursday night Rev. L. A. Ostrander delivered his lecture 'Success' to a crowded house. Much had been said concerning the lecture by those who knew what a treat was in store for that evening; and when the lecturer was introduced, his first words compelled attention, and for more than an hour his hearers were chained by the combined spell of the superb language and masterly eloquence of the speaker. In the use of fine language and the rare power of vivid and striking comparisons

Mr. Ostrander has few superiors. His enunciation in both high and low tones was perfect, and the grace of the orator won the admiration of his hearers from the beginning. The lecture season of the institute was one of unrivalled interest and success; the lectures were all good, but none better nor more intensely captivating than that of Mr. Ostrander. When he had concluded, and the applause which greeted the lecturer's closing remarks ceased, Mr. James M. Walsh arose and read the following: 'Mr. President—I move you, that a vote of thanks be extended by the members of the institute and others to Rev. L. A. Ostrander for his very able and entertaining lecture.' The motion received several seconds, and, being put to the house, was carried amidst a storm of applause."

The following extract from the Dubuque *Herald* of August 28th, 1875, is no less commendatory:

"Rev. Mr. Ostrander's lecture entitled 'Success,' delivered before the Teachers' Institute on Thursday evening, was one of the ablest and most interesting of the season. The lecturer has a rare ability in the line of description, and his power of personation is seldom excelled. The lecture as a composition is a gem of literary merit; as a systematized specimen of wholesome and palatable advice, is a production of unquestioned worth, and as an interesting and entertaining dissertation on the means of success and causes of failure can only be thoroughly appreciated by those who hear the reverend gentleman himself deliver it."

Mr. Ostrander was married at Constantinople, on the 25th of May, 1871, to Miss Eliza Allen Thompson, daughter of Rev. Alexander Thompson, D.D., one of the missionaries of the American Board. Three boys have blessed their union.

In 1876 he gave up his charge in Dubuque, and is at present settled in Owego, Tioga County, N. Y.

LEROY PARKER.

“PARKER” (he will pardon us the familiarity, for he is an Honorable now) writes your Secretary from Flint, Michigan, expressing his regret that he was unable to attend the reunion of the class in July, 1875, as he was under an engagement to go on a tour of inspection among the iron and copper mines of Lake Superior with the governor, State officers, and members of the legislature. He is still engaged in the practice of the law in Flint, and gives his own history as follows :

“I was born in Flint, Genesee County, Michigan, on the 15th of December, 1844, son of Rev. Orson and Diana E. Parker. Have lived all my life in this place, except the time spent at Dwight’s Rural High School and Hamilton College, Clinton, N. Y. Entered college in September, 1861, and graduated with the class. I then studied law at the University of Michigan, and also in the office of Hon. William Matthew Fenton, a graduate of Hamilton College in the class of 1826, and former Lieutenant-Governor of Michigan. I was admitted to the bar in 1867, and engaged in the practice of the law at Flint, where I have ever since resided. United with the Congregational Church in 1868, and am still unmarried. I was elected a member of the legislature to fill a vacancy in February, 1874, to attend the special session to pass upon the new constitution of Michigan, and was re-elected for the full term in the fall of 1874 ; was appointed chairman of the House Judiciary Committee, and was active in

the senatorial contest which resulted in the election of Judge Christiancy to the United States Senate."

From Mr. Parker's mental and personal qualities, a successful career in the politics of his native State may safely be predicted for him.

LYMAN WILSON PARSONS.

LYMAN WILSON PARSONS, son of Hiram and Eliza Menzie Parsons, was born in Vernon, Oneida County, N. Y., on the 29th of January, 1840. His early life was spent in that town, and he attended school at the Vernon Academy. In 1860 he went to the Eagleswood Military Institute, Eagleswood, N. J., where he remained until he entered Hamilton, in the fall of 1861. He was called away from college, at the close of first term Freshman, by the death of one of his parents and the continued ill-health of the other. From then until 1870 he was engaged in agricultural pursuits at Oneida Castle, N. Y., devoting himself principally to the raising of and dealing in hops. In 1870 he removed to Kansas, and since that time has been engaged in stock-raising on the Spring Creek Stock Ranch near Eureka, Greenwood County, in that State.

Mr. Parsons has held the office of justice of the peace, and at present holds the position of township trustee.

ALBERT PHILLIPS.

ALBERT PHILLIPS was born in Phelps, Ontario County, N. Y., on the 15th of July, 1843. His parents names were Simeon and Harriet Phillips, both natives of Ashland, Franklin County, Mass., from which place they removed about the year 1840. Our classmate's early life was spent in his native town, until he began his preparatory studies for college, when he went to Rochester, N. Y., and attended the Rochester Collegiate Institute, under the charge of Messrs. Benedict and Satterlee. He remained there a little over two years, and then entered Hamilton College, as Freshman, on the 12th of September, 1861. His college life was uneventful, but he was faithful to his duties. Though quiet and retiring in his manner, he was nevertheless a general favorite with his classmates. He graduated in course in July, 1865, and spent the summer months in making a pleasure trip to the West, visiting the principal cities *en route*. In the fall of the same year he took a position in the importing house of Howard, Sanger & Co., New York City, where he remained for nearly three years. He was afterwards engaged in the grocery and provision business in New York, in which line of business he has since continued.

In 1872 he went to Philadelphia to start a provision house for parties in New York, in which he was very successful, and devoted himself assiduously to the

interests of his firm. In the fall of 1876, finding his health failing, owing to overwork, he was obliged to dissolve his connection with his firm and return to New York. He is now engaged as cashier with the wholesale provision house of Halstead & Co., Nos. 196-202 Forsyth street, and is doing well.

Mr. Phillips united with the Presbyterian church in Phelps in 1858. He is still unmarried, and does not express himself as being hopeful.

JOHN JAMES REESE.

JOHN JAMES REESE is of Welsh parentage, and was born in Clinton, Oneida Co., N. Y. He prepared for college at the academy in that town, and entered Hamilton on the 12th of September, 1861. He remained until the close of Freshman year, when he withdrew from college, and for the next three years devoted himself to carrying on his father's farm. In 1866 he married a young lady from Clinton, and removed to Marilla, Erie County, N. Y. A few years later he returned again to Clinton, where he still resides, successfully continuing his agricultural pursuits.

JAMES ROGERS.

JAMES ROGERS was born in Hammond, St. Lawrence County, N. Y., on the 9th of October, 1840. He made his preparation for college at the Ogdensburg Institute, and entered Hamilton in the fall of 1861. As a student he was thorough and accurate. He was a clear thinker, and his course in college was marked by sound scholarship. He seemed to be equally at home in all the departments of the college curriculum. He received one of the prizes in mathematics, a prize in classics, and the first prize in chemistry. He graduated second in the class, and delivered the salutatory in Latin, the first that had been pronounced on the Commencement stage at Hamilton for many years. Soon after graduating, Mr. Rogers went to Turkey, and for two years was tutor in Robert College, Constantinople. Upon his return, in 1868, he was chosen tutor in Hamilton College, which position he filled for one year; he then entered upon the study of theology at the Union Seminary in New York City, from which he graduated in 1870, and has since then been engaged in preaching. He was settled in Hammond, New York, from 1871 to 1873, and in Wilmar, Minnesota, from 1873 to 1875.

Mr. Rogers is married, and is at present located in Farmington, Dakota County, Minn.

MORRIS FLETCHER SHEPPARD.

MORRIS F. SHEPPARD was born in Penn Yan, Yates County, N. Y., on the 20th of July, 1843. His life was passed in that place up to the time of his entering college. He entered Hamilton as Freshman in September 1861, remaining, however, but one year. He soon after entered the army, enlisting as a private in the Sixteenth New York Artillery. He was soon made junior second lieutenant, and, a few months later, junior first lieutenant. In May, 1864, he was promoted to a captaincy. He was in many of the engagements around Petersburg; afterwards served with distinction in the expedition to Wilmington and up the Cape Fear River; and was for some time post commandant and provost marshal at Smithville, N. C. He remained in the army until September, 1865, when the Sixteenth was mustered out of service. In October of the same year Mr. Sheppard commenced business in New York City, and became a partner in the firm of Jones, Smith, Sheppard & Co., manufacturers and wholesale dealers in boots and shoes. He afterwards dissolved his connection with that firm and returned to Penn Yan, where he still resides. He is now engaged in the lumber and hardware business, and is also secretary and treasurer of the Lake Kenka Steam Navigation Co. He is married, and has one child living.

CHARLES SACKETT STARR.

CHARLES SACKETT STARR, son of Frederick and Lucy A. Starr, was born in Rochester, Monroe County, N. Y., on the 28th day of May, 1844. His boyhood and youth were passed in that place, and his preparation for college was made at the schools in Rochester. In September, 1861, he entered the Freshman class of Hamilton College, and remained until the close of Sophomore year. As both of his brothers were in the army, and his father required his presence at home, he left Hamilton, and entered Rochester University, joining the Junior class. He graduated from that institution in July, 1865, and immediately began the study of medicine. A year later he attended a course of lectures at the medical department of the University of Michigan, and upon his return to Rochester was appointed assistant in the city hospital. After serving in that capacity for a year, he went to New York City in the fall of 1869, and attended lectures at the College of Physicians and Surgeons, from which institution he received the degree of M.D. in the following spring. He commenced practice in Rochester, and for the next six years was actively and successfully engaged in the duties of his profession.

On the 1st of May, 1875, Mr. Starr, for the purpose of recruiting his health, which had become impaired by too close a devotion to his work, and also

for the purpose of availing himself of the advantages which the lectures and hospitals at the foreign capitals offered for further investigation and study, sailed for Europe. After a favorable voyage he landed at Glasgow, and making a short tour through Scotland, England, and Northern Germany, he arrived at Vienna early in September. For the next eight months he devoted himself assiduously to the hospitals, attending lectures and clinics, for which that city has long been famous. After leaving Vienna, he spent several months in visiting the medical institutions and hospitals in Berlin, Paris, and London, and returned home in December, 1876. He is now settled in Rochester, with enlarged experience and broader culture, devoting himself to his life's work. He held for three years the position of assistant regimental surgeon in the State militia; is a member of the American Medical Association, and also active in the medical societies and associations of his county and city. He became a member of the Central Presbyterian Church of Rochester in May, 1856. He is still unmarried. Although, owing to circumstances, graduating elsewhere, Mr. Starr still retains a deep interest in Hamilton, and in the welfare of the members of the class of '65.

JAMES PATTERSON STRATTON.

A LETTER from Mr. Stratton, dated Mexico, Oswego County, N. Y., pleasantly refers to college friendships and associations, and we glean from it the following particulars of his life :

He was born at Philadelphia, Pa., on the 24th of April, 1839, son of William and Mary Stratton. His early life was passed in the city of his birth, but prepared for college under the tuition of Rev. Charles H. Holloway, at Ashland, Greene County, N. Y. He entered Hamilton College, as Freshman, September 12th, 1861, and graduated with the class in July, 1865. In the fall of the same year he entered the Union Theological Seminary in New York ; graduating from that institution in 1868, he immediately began preaching, and for the next eight years was settled in Mexico, Oswego County, N. Y. He was married in May, 1866, to Miss Kate Landry, and four children bless their union.

In college Mr. Stratton was a close student, received one of the Hawley medals for excellence in the classics, a prize in chemistry, and one of the honors at graduation. He was a fine speaker, and was a successful competitor for the prize in Sophomore year.

The class of '65 continued the old and established custom of presenting the first boy born in its ranks with a silver cup. At the triennial reunion of the class

held in Clinton, at Commencement, 1868, Mr. Stratton was present with his first-born, and the cup, bearing the following inscription, was duly presented: "William Henry Stratton, from the class of '65." This was followed by the names of the class in full. The presentation speech was made by Mr. O. P. Allen in his pleasing and graceful manner, and happily responded to by Mr. Stratton. In 1876 he received and accepted a call from the Presbyterian church at Crawfordsville, Ind., where he is at present continuing his pastoral labors.

EUGENE BAXTER STULL.

EUGENE BAXTER STULL was born in Rush, Monroe County, N. Y. Upon completing his preparatory studies, he entered the Genesee Wesleyan College at Lima, N. Y., where he remained a little more than two years. Leaving that institution, he entered Hamilton College on the 7th of January, 1864, joining the class of '65 at the beginning of its second term Junior. He remained in college but a short time, and then entered the army, and was captain in the One Hundred and Fifty-first Regiment, New York State Volunteers. We have been unable to learn in what engagements he took part, or any thing relative to his subsequent history.

JAMES NORTHAM TAFT.

WE have to record the name of another classmate who was among those whom our troubled country called forth in its hour of danger. He was not required to lay down his life upon the field of battle, but there was reserved for him a more lingering death from disease contracted while at the post of duty.

James Northam Taft was born in Lyons, Wayne County, N. Y., on the 30th of June, 1844. He was the youngest of twelve children, and was regarded with especial fondness by his whole family. His early life was spent in Lyons, but he prepared for college at Dwight's Rural High School, Clinton, N. Y. He entered Hamilton in the fall of 1861, and remained until the close of Junior year, when he enlisted as a private in the Ninth New York Artillery. He joined his regiment, then under General Sheridan, at Cedar Creek, Va. He arrived at City Point on the 1st of December, 1864, and lay in front of the rebel lines during the winter. He was home on a furlough at the time of Lee's surrender, but afterwards rejoined his regiment, and was in the march of the army from Richmond to Washington. The Ninth was mustered out of service July 10th, 1865. In the fall of the same year Mr. Taft became engaged in the drug business at Lyons, which, two or three years later, he was obliged to relinquish on account of ill-health. He

had contracted a cold while in the army, from which he never recovered. The summer of 1868 was spent in Minnesota, but the change of climate proved of no permanent benefit, and he died at his home in Lyons on the 13th of July, 1869. He was the last surviving son of his parents, his only brother who reached manhood, Col. E. P. Taft, having died two years previously, from wounds received while in the war.

In May, 1867, Mr. Taft was married to Miss Hannah E. Rogers, of Lyons.

HAMILTON BULLOCK TOMPKINS.

HAMILTON BULLOCK TOMPKINS, son of Tillinghast and Charlotte Merrill Tompkins, was born in Brooklyn, Kings County, N. Y., on the 30th of July, 1843. The first six years of his life were passed in that city, when his parents removed to Newport, R. I. His studies were pursued at Newport, and at Northampton and Stockbridge, Mass. But his final preparation for college was made at the Berkeley Institute in Newport. He entered Hamilton College at the beginning of Freshman year, on the 12th of September, 1861, and graduated with the class on the 20th of July, 1865.

The first year after graduation was spent at home, and in the fall of 1866 he commenced the study of

the law. In January, 1867, he entered the Law Department of the University of the City of New York, then under the charge of John N. Pomeroy, LL.D. During the summer vacation, he made a trip to Europe, visiting Great Britain and Ireland, Germany and Switzerland, and spending several weeks at the Paris Exposition. Returning in October, he resumed his studies at the law school, and graduated on the 28th of May, 1868, with the degree of LL.B. In the following August he was admitted to the bar of Rhode Island. In the fall of the same year Mr. Tompkins again went abroad, and remained nearly three years, most of which time was passed in Germany, attending lectures at the University of Berlin. During his absence he visited Italy, and in the spring of 1870 made a trip to Egypt and through the Holy Land to Damascus, visiting, on his return, Asia Minor, Greece, and Constantinople, thence back to Europe by way of the Black Sea and the Danube. He returned to America in 1871, removed to New York, and devoted himself to the law. Another trip to Europe was made in the summer of 1873, which included a journey to Denmark, Norway, and Sweden, and a visit to the Exposition at Vienna.

In the fall of 1873 Mr. Tompkins formed a partnership with C. H. Duell, of the class of '71, under the firm name of Tompkins & Duell, and has since then been actively engaged in the practice of his profession in the city of New York. He is also

President of the New York and Rosendale Cement Company, and is connected with other business enterprises.

In May, 1863, Mr. Tompkins united with the Congregational church in Newport, and is now a member of the West Presbyterian Church in New York.

He was married in New York on the 20th of April, 1876, by the Rev. Thomas S. Hastings, D.D., to Miss Susan Livingston Ledyard, daughter of Hon. Henry Ledyard, of Newport, R. I.

In 1866 Mr. Tompkins endowed the Mathematical Prize at Hamilton College, and is now supplementing the endowment by additions of books to the mathematical library. He was one of the judges of prize speaking at Commencement in 1874, and is one of the officers of the Hamilton College Alumni Association of the City of New York.

MARTIN VAN BUREN WARD.

MARTIN VAN BUREN WARD was born in Carroll, a township of Chautauqua County, N. Y., on the 12th of March, 1843. He afterwards removed, with his parents, to Westfield, in the same county, and entered Hamilton College from that place in the fall of 1861. He had pursued his preparatory studies under difficulties, and came to college contrary to the wishes of his father, from whom he received but little, if any, pecu-

niary assistance. His want of thorough preparation was felt during his course, yet he maintained a fair position in his class. As a mathematician he was naturally gifted, and in this department he took a high rank. He graduated with the class in July, 1865, and in the fall of the same year went to Pennsylvania, and became engaged in oil operations at Petroleum Centre, in which he was very successful.

During the revival of 1863, Mr. Ward united with the college church.

We have neither seen nor heard anything of "Artemas" since 1866. We learned through Babcock recently that he was at Karns City, Butler County, Pa., but a letter sent to that address failed to elicit any response. He was bright and quick-witted, daring and fearless by nature, and was remarkable for the narrow escapes through which he had passed. It is related of him that, when a boy of fourteen, his foot became entangled in an anchor chain as it was being thrown overboard, and he went to the bottom of Lake Erie, but he succeeded in disengaging himself, came to the surface, and escaped by swimming. At another time, during one of the summer vacations, when assisting in celebrating one of the Union victories, he was severely injured by the premature discharge of a cannon, and carried the marks of the powder upon his face and hands for months afterwards. We all remember how in Junior year he narrowly escaped being poisoned, having eaten arsenic, mistaking it for salt; but his pres-

ence of mind did not desert him, and rushing to the laboratory he took a large dose of Fe_2O_3 , which, acting as an antidote, saved his life. We have no doubt but that, if his history for the last ten years could be fully written, it would be filled with an account of thrilling adventures and hair-breadth escapes.

WILLIAM OLIVER WEBSTER.

WILLIAM O. WEBSTER was born in Sennett, Cayuga County, N. Y., on the 20th of February, 1842. He was the eldest of three sons, all of whom were educated at Hamilton. His preparation for college was made at the Monroe Academy, Eldridge, N. Y. He passed his entrance examination in the fall of 1860, but did not enter upon his college duties until September, 1861, and became a member of the class of sixty-five.

"Dan," to use his familiar cognomen, for we can hardly think of him by any other, was an industrious and careful student, taking more than an average stand in the class. Like his famous namesake, his oratorical powers were of a high order; he was prize speaker in Freshman year, class orator at Tree Planting, and graduated with a high oration at Commencement. One of the most genial of men, and possessed of those sterling qualities which make the true man,

he was as popular throughout college as he was among his own classmates.

After leaving college he was engaged in teaching for a year at Unadilla, Otsego County, N. Y. In the fall of 1866, he entered the law school of Michigan University at Ann Arbor, where he remained for six months; he afterwards went to Ionia, Mich., entered a law office, completed his studies, and was admitted to the bar in January, 1869. The next winter was spent in San Francisco, Cal.; upon his return to Ionia in the following March, he entered upon the practice of his profession, which he has since continued. He was for some years a member of the firm of Marble & Webster, but that partnership has since been dissolved.

Mr. Webster has always cherished the ambition to be a good lawyer; sturdy in mind and body, by indefatigable industry and the force of his abilities he is rapidly accomplishing that end.

He was married on the 18th of February, 1874, to Miss Susan P. Montgomery, then residing at Ionia. Two children, both boys, are the additions to his family. Of the youngest, six months old, he adds, with fatherly pride, "He is the finest, brightest, best-looking, and most intelligent little fellow of his age you ever saw."

Mr. Webster is a member of the Presbyterian Church, with which he united in 1863.

GEORGE WARREN WOOD.

THE class was increased at the beginning of Senior year by the addition to our number of a full-fledged graduate of a year's standing. He was attracted to Hamilton by its reputation for proficiency in the department of elocution. In the following characteristic epistle, written from Charlevoix, where Mr. Wood has been preaching for the last four years, he gives his own history :

CHARLEVOIX, MICH., March 2, 1877.

DEAR FRIEND TOMPKINS : I have this evening received a letter dated from the law office of Tompkins & Duell. What could be a New York lawyer's business with me, for you know I long since ceased to be a New Yorker, and have become a wol-verine? But the opening sentence cleared up the mystery by reminding me that in the days which begin to seem long ago, I was a classmate of the founder of the Hamilton Tompkins mathematical prize at Hamilton College.

I do not remember distinctly when and where I was born, but have heard that it was on New Year's Day, 1844, in a suburb of Constantinople called Bebek. My parents were George W. and Martha Wood, missionaries of the American Board. I lived in Turkey until I attained the age of six years, then came to the United States, and, after spending five years in various places scattered from Boston to Rochester, settled down at New York. There I attended Ward School No. 35, and the Free Academy. From the latter institution I received the degree of A.B. in 1863. After devoting a year to teaching, I entered the Senior class at Hamilton College, September 15th, 1864, and got

another sheepskin in 1865. Another year was devoted to teaching, and then came the Master's degree from the College of the City of New York.

After studying theology for three years at the Union Seminary, I came into Michigan as a missionary of the Presbyterian Home Mission Committee, and have been in this State most of the time since.

I was baptized in infancy by Rufus Anderson, D.D. ; received into the communion of the Reformed Dutch Church on Washington Square, New York, in 1856 ; licensed to preach by the Fourth Presbytery of New York, in April, 1869 ; and ordained by the Presbytery of Saginaw to the office of Evangelist in Bay City, Mich., on the 11th of April, 1872. On the 13th of May of the same year, I married Miss Harriet Snyder at Au Sable. We have two sons, both born in Charlevoix—George Hastings, on the 18th of March, 1874, and David Snyder, on the 21st of March, 1876.

I remain, yours very truly,

GEORGE W. WOOD.

Mr. Wood took a high rank in the class, and received one of the honors at graduation. In his oration on "Christianity as the Civilizer of Mankind," delivered at Commencement, he advocated missions as the great civilizer of nations.

MINUTES OF THE DECENNIAL REUNION
OF THE CLASS OF '65, HELD AT CLIN-
TON, N. Y., JUNE 30TH, 1875.

THE class met in the Clinton House at 2 P.M. The meeting was called to order by the President, John H. Hicok.

The following members of the class were present : Rev. Dana W. Bigelow, Rev. Isaac O. Best, O. P. Allen, John H. Hicok, William S. Miller, and H. B. Tompkins. The meeting, though small in numbers, was a very enjoyable one : pleasant memories were revived, and old associations of college life were renewed. Letters were read from many absent members, expressing regret at their inability to be present, and of their continued interest in the class.

On motion it was voted that the Secretary prepare a record of the class for publication. John H. Hicok, of Homer, was re-elected President, and Hamilton B. Tompkins, of New York City, Secretary.

On motion it was voted that the next reunion of the class be held in Clinton during Commencement week, 1885.

